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To: Affiliated unions with membership in the Hotel sector

(To the Executive Committee and Regional Secretaries for information)

Concerns: IUF Guide to COVID-19 Occupational Safety and Health in Hotels

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are pleased to bring to your attention the IUF Guide to COVID-19 Occupational Safety and Health in Hotels ([high resolution version](#)), which has been produced following extensive consultation with industrial hygienists and other specialists in occupational health, as well as consultation and engagement with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

During the last HRCT Trade Group Board meeting on September 23-24, 2021, we presented a first version of this guide. Following the discussion and comments from the Board members, the Secretariat asked for contributions from affiliates and undertook a survey in November (circulars 075-2021 and 080-2021) to gather information about the experiences of hotel workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures that have been effective in keeping workers and guests safe since the reopening of hotels. The feedback received and the [results of the survey](#) enriched our vision and knowledge and were incorporated into the document.

We believe this Guide will be useful to affiliates in the HRCT sector in defending workers' rights and workplace safety and health, in negotiating and implementing safety protocols in hotels to protect both workers and guests during the COVID-19 pandemic, and any future outbreaks of zoonotic or other diseases that may be transmitted through close contact.

Yours in solidarity,

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Encl.: IUF Guide to COVID-19 Occupational Safety and Health in Hotels (low resolution version)

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